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retirement, periodic DA increase based on the cost of living indices as applied in the case of industrial workers, the total service put in by the pensioner as well as the last salary drawn be taken into consideration for fixation of pensionary benefits, one month's pension be paid as medical allowance every year and payment of festival allowance.

Minimum pension depends on solvency of the fund and actuarial calculation. Any increase in the minimum pension is linked with the results of the annual valuation of the Pension Fund.

Pension under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 is not linked with dearness allowance based on cost of living index. However, there is a provision in the Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 for annual valuation of the Employees Pension Fund. In the last 3 valuations for the period 16.11.1995 to 15.11.1996, 16.11.1996 to 31.3.1998 and 1.4.1998 to 31.3.1999 relief has been granted at the rate of 4%, 5.5% and 4% respectively.

The total membership period under Employees' Family Pension Scheme, 1971 as well as Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 are considered for the eligibility period for pensionary benefits under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995. The amount of pension is the aggregate of pension calculated on account of past service and the pensionable service.

There is no provision in the Employees' Pension Scheme to grant festival allowance and medical allowance.

#### **Recruitment of child labourers in RML Hospital**

1320. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some child labourers were recruited in the RML Hospital, New Delhi in recent past;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for violating the accepted norms in a classified Government Hospital;

(c) what actions have been taken against the persons responsible for the same; and

(d) whether such irregularities are common in such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) In view of above, does nor arise.

**Legislation for unorganised workers**

1321. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state whether Government are considering to bring a legislation to cover all unorganised forest workers, home based workers, domestic workers, building construction workers, head loaders, daily labourers, rickshaw pullers, anganbadi workers under social security scheme in view of the unanimous resolution passed in ILO Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.

**Prosecution of public servants**

1322. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of public servants, prosecuted during the years 1999-2000 till April, 2001; and

(b) the number of Gazetted Officers in grade A and B services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), 1882 public servants have been prosecuted during the years 1999, 2000 and upto 30.04.2001. This includes 649 and 454 Gazetted Officers belonging to Group 'A' and Group 'B' Services respectively.